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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - BETTANCOURT, NEWBALL, GOMEZ

REF: PARIS 30530

1. FROMONT, EMBASSY CONTACT IN MINISTRY JUSTICE HANDLING EXTRADITION MATTERS, CALLED DECEMBER 23 TO ASK THAT DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT EXTRADITION REQUEST BE SUBMITTED ASAP. HE CONFIRMED DOMPGNAC-LATOIR STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL THAT 40-DAY PERIOD BEGAN DECEMBER 16. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN PARIS IN TIME FOR THEM TO BE TRANSMITTED TO MARTINIQUE SO AS TO ARRIVE THERE WITHIN 40-DAY LIMIT.

2. WE QUESTIONED FROMONT CLOSELY ON THIS INTERPRETATION, POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS NOT IN ACCORD WITH OUR INTERPRETATION OF CONVENTION, OUR PRACTICE IN PREVIOUS CASES, OR THE INTERPRETATION THAT WE HAD BEEN GIVEN HERE PREVIOUSLY. FROMONT INDICATED THAT THE "INTERPRETATION IS DIFFERENT IN MARTINIQUE". HOWEVER, WHEN PRESSED, HE STATED THAT IT IS THE CHAMBRE D'ACCUSATION IN FORT-DE-FRANCE WHICH DETERMINES WHETHER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION HAVE BEEN MET, AND THUS WHOSE INTERPRETATION WILL BE DECISIVE IN THE CASE. IN ORDER TO BE SURE THAT BETTANCOURT ET AL ARE NOT RELEASED, WE MUST DO EVERY-

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THING POSSIBLE TO HAVE DOCUMENTS IN THE HANDS OF THE

COURT WITHIN THE 40-DAY LIMIT.

3. IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SORT
OUT THE MANY CONTRADICTIONS WHICH HAVE PLAGUED US ON
THIS CASE, AND OBTAIN MORE RELIABLE GUIDELINES FOR THE
FUTURE. HOWEVER, AS PROCUREUR APPARENTLY
WILL DECIDE WHEN SUBJECTS MAY BE RELEASED, WE SEE NO
ALTERNATIVE TO ACCEPTING HER INTERPRETATION.
DEPARTMENT SHOULD THEREFORE ATTEMPT TO HAVE
DOCUMENTS AND TRANSLATIONS HERE BY JANUARY 10.
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